

# *IOWAccess*

IOWAccess was established as the State of Iowa's web portal nearly a decade ago. Since its inception in 1997, IOWAccess has been connecting Iowans with their government by harnessing the accessibility and technology of the Internet. The available funding for IOWAccess applications fosters agency partnerships; improves the availability, quality, use, and sharing of data; provides a unique source of funds for innovative e-Government programs; and can be used to as an adjunct to federal, state, or local funding to improve the effectiveness of government programs that are consistent with the goals of IOWAccess.

The funding of IOWAccess projects is monitored by an advisory council representing state government and the public. Project funding and other recommendations from this council are forwarded to the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, who, after a review, submits them to the Technology Governance Board for final review and approval. This advise and consent process ensures that IOWAccess expenditures are targeted at relevant electronic government services. All projects funded through IOWAccess are professionally planned and have clearly defined timelines, measurable results, and a favorable return on investment.



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# *e-Government Funding Opportunities for Local Government In Iowa*

**Financial and  
Technical Assistance  
for Developing  
e-Government  
Services**

**Sponsored through  
*IOWAccess*  
The State of Iowa's e-Government  
Program**

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## The Challenge for Government at all Levels . . .

According to recent surveys, 82.1% of Iowans have access to the Internet. Research from the National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices indicates that among the public's highest priority for improvements at the State and local levels of government are:

- Improved access to governmental information and services. Most citizens expect more for less in their consumer and business purchases - they have similar expectations for government services.
- More efficient use of governmental resources.
- More direct contact with officials in all branches of government through e-mail and web sites.



## The Opportunity for Local Government . . .

IOWAccess funding can be used to help local government in Iowa adopt and use Internet technology to establish their presence on the World Wide Web and improve services to Iowa's citizens. The funding assistance can be up to 100% of eligible costs.

The IOWAccess Advisory Council supports innovative, collaborative efforts at the local government level and promotes best practices in service to citizens.

## Some State Projects Funded . . .

Since July 1, 2003, \$2.9 million in e-Government projects at the State level have been financially supported by the IOWAccess revolving fund, including an interactive state budgeting website; license renewal systems for teacher, real estate, professional engineer, accountant, architect, landscape architect, and social gambling licenses; electronic filing of income tax returns, sales taxes, and other excise taxes; support for the online Iowa Sex Offender Registry which recently became integrated with the U.S. Department of Justice's National Sex Offender Public Registry; e-Government constituent research; automation of government food inspection processes with public web access to the results; and tracking and reporting data from political committees, lobbyists, and miscellaneous contributors having statutory reporting requirements.



For more information, see:

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Iowa Department of  
Administrative Services

## Conditions of Funding . . .

Local government includes any city, county, township, school district, or any special-purpose district or authority within the State of Iowa; or an administrative agency established for any lawful governmental purpose or for the administration of any government facility; or designated as a board, board of trustees, commission, or by another title.

- (a) The applicant(s) must demonstrate a commitment towards developing e-Government applications to improve services to their constituents.
- (b) The applicant(s) must provide all information as requested by the IOWAccess Advisory Council in a timely manner.
- (c) The applicant(s) must comply with all applicable IOWAccess standards and reporting requirements.
- (d) Funds are limited and the IOWAccess funding is at the discretion of the IOWAccess Advisory Council and the Iowa Department of Administrative Services.
- (e) All funded (in whole or in part) e-Government websites must acknowledge the source of support and include hyperlinks to other designated websites, if requested.
- (f) The IOWAccess Advisory Council and the Iowa Department of Administrative Services reserves the right to withdraw or reclaim funds should the conditions of the funding not be met.
- (g) All funds dispersed under this program will require a signed Memorandum of Understanding between the local governmental entity receiving the funds and the Iowa Department of Administrative Services.